GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY ON AVAILABILITY OF BAMBOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey with regard to availability of bamboo in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether bamboo is being imported at large scale in the country;

(d) if so, the names of countries from where it is being imported; and

(e) where the average import of bamboo being made each year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN):

(a) & (b) As per the India State of Forest Report, (ISFR)-2011, the Bamboo bearing area in recorded forests is 1,39,577 square kilometer. This information is based on the sample survey conducted during the period 2002- 2008 in 178 districts of the Country. The State/UT wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(c) to (e) The details regarding import of Bamboo during the last three years and 2013-14 (upto September, 2013) are given in Annexure -II.